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**In the Bengt Sjostrom Theatre  
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Producing Artistic Director.....Christopher D. Brady  
Director .....Marcus Tobias  
Choreographer .....Brooke Johnson  
Music Director ..... Christopher Joyner  
Stage Manager..... Jenna Christ  
Director Mentor .....Christopher D. Brady  
Scenic Designer..... Carmen Turner  
Technical Director .....Brandon Mechler  
Costume Designer ..... Victoria Benson  
Lighting Designer.....Cameron L. Strandin  
Sound Engineer..... Aaron Hill  
Intimacy Designer ..... Spencer Clark  
Assistant Stage Manager ..... Madie Barnas  
Assistant Stage Manager ..... Chloe Koniczeki  
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FROM THE DIRECTOR

“We are happy at the center of the universe”

I have kept that line in my head for the entirety of this process. It has been a great honor to create this story, learn new ropes, and expand on our community at my favorite community theatre. I would like to thank my mentor, Christopher Brady, for his support and wisdom through this process.

I would also like to thank my team for going on this journey with me, my friends and family for their love and support! To my cast, I thank you for your strength and will power to tell this story in all of its emotions. And lastly to the audience, may you walk away from this experience knowing that black excellence is truly a special thing in the form of art!

With love,

Marcus Tobias

*Director, The Color Purple*

A LETTER FROM THE  
PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Welcome to The Color Purple, a musical that delves deep into the black American experience with raw emotion and profound storytelling. The Color Purple is not merely a musical; it is a powerful reflection of the human spirit; a dedication to the willpower of those who struggle to find their own self-worth. It's a show we have hoped to do here for some time because it deserves to be done. It deserves to be seen. And our community has the passion to do it. I am profoundly moved by the dedication and skill of our cast and crew who have brought this masterpiece to life on our stage. Their commitment to authenticity and their unwavering belief in the importance of this story shine through in every performance. Thank you for joining us tonight as we celebrate the enduring legacy of The Color Purple and its profound impact on audiences around the world. May this evening be a testament to the transformative power of theatre and the beauty of shared storytelling. Welcome to Starlight Theatre. It gives me just as much joy, however, to not only welcome you to the show itself, but also the Bengt Sjostrom Theatre, home of Starlight Theatre! If you didn't know or couldn't tell, we are a pavilion-style, open-air theatre with a roof that articulates like a flower into the sky, giving you an experience unlike any in the world right here in Rockford, IL! If this is your first time here, welcome... welcome and even more welcome! We are honored to have you share in what we do. What you're about to witness is a community operating at its best! Multiple and diverse artists coming together as one to give their same community - their very neighbors - an epic and quality adventure that is witnessed upon the stage, but more importantly etched into our minds and coveted in our hearts. For those of us who've been here before, whether we've trod the boards or have simply witnessed the magic from these familiar blue seats, we can measure our lives by the singular nights that we've spent out here. We remember that our first child was born during the season of Ragtime & Geppetto & Son; we remember who we nestled with when the rain was blowing sideways during Phantom of the Opera; we remember our favorite actors when we see them again onstage; we remember the times we shared with our loved ones and the memories we made; and, most of all, we remember how our hearts are filled with joy every time we come into this space. There's nothing like it in the world.

Our community. Our Theatre. So, dear friends, let us unfurl our hearts like the roof above, for tonight we share in an adventure together. Something that will be uniquely ours. Others may have seen this show elsewhere, but you're seeing this show uniquely here, uniquely with these people, and uniquely at this time. Together, let us breathe life into the dreams that dwell under this beautiful night sky. Welcome, one and all, to the experience that is Starlight Theatre. Thank you so much for being a part of it.

Sincerely,

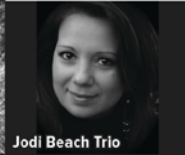


Christopher D. Brady

*Producing Artistic Director - Starlight Theatre*

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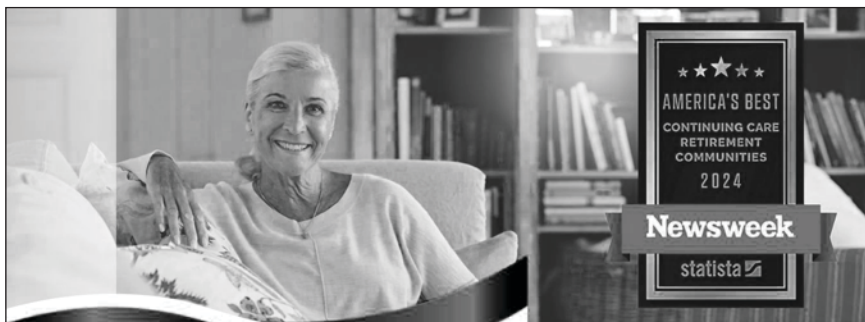
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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

Celie .....	Evandia Penix
Nettie .....	Darby Whitmore
Darlene .....	Denise McIlwan
Doris.....	Cheyenne Serrano
Jarene.....	Logan Tillmon
Pa/Buster.....	Dorian Dotson
Mister .....	Jaylen Marks
Harpo .....	Robbie Strader
Sofia .....	DeRyah Maxey
Squeak .....	Sanaai Brown
Shug Avery .....	ValMarie Black
Ol' Mister .....	Reggie Tillmon

Ensemble.....Laumauj Pitt, Nia Roby, Amara Russey, Mahalia Seward, Tiana Smith, Olivia Williamson, Rodarian Brown, Antonio Collins, Tez Lockhart, Wayne Turner

## BACKSTAGE/ RUNNING CREW

### CREW

Madie Barnas  
Elyssa Cornejo  
Grace Hahn-Varona  
Chloe Konieczki  
Jess Sorg-Spencer  
Lamarion Taylor  
Kaitlyn Tesdorff

### SPOTS

Ryleigh Christ  
Ti Kelly  
Jazlyn Oberg  
Garrett Pierce  
Jacob Thiede

## READ THE SYNOPSIS OF THE COLOR PURPLE



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Thank you to **Cleta's Stay and Sew** and her children's sewing team for partnering to create the *African Homeland* costumes.

Please drop by her store at 1029 N. Main St. (Main and Morgan) and see what she can create for you!



MUSICAL SYNOPSIS

ACT ONE

Huckleberry Pie..... Young Celie, Young Nettie  
 Mysterious Ways ..... Celie, Nettie, Ensemble  
 Somebody Gonna Love You .....Celie  
 Our Prayer..... Nettie, Celie, Mister, Doris, Darlene, Jarene, Pa/Buster  
 That Fine Mister ..... Doris, Darlene, Jarene  
 Big Dog ..... Mister, Celie, Young Harpo, Mister’s Daughters, Male Ensemble  
 Lily of the Field ..... Celie, Nettie, Mister  
 Dear God (Sofia) .....Celie  
 A Tree Named Sofia ..... Doris, Darlene, Jarene  
 Hell No! ..... Sofia, Celie, Sofia’s Sisters  
 \*Brown Betty ..... Harpo, Squeak, Celie, Male Ensemble  
 Shug Avery Comin’ to Town ..... Mister, Celie, Ensemble  
 All We’ve Got to Say ..... Doris, Darlene, Jarene  
 Dear God (Shug Avery) ..... Celie, Shug Avery  
 Too Beautiful for Words ..... Shug Avery  
 \*Push Da Button ..... Shug Avery, Harpo, Ensemble  
 Uh-Oh! .....Sofia, Squeak, Celie, Buster, Female Ensemble  
 What About Love? ..... Celie, Shug Avery  
 Act I Finale..... Shug Avery, Celie, Nettie

ACT TWO

African Homeland .....Nettie, Celie, Young Adam, Young Olivia, Ensemble  
 The Color Purple ..... Shug Avery, Celie  
 Church Ladies’ Easter ..... Doris, Darlene, Jarene  
 I Curse You Mister ..... Celie, Mister  
 Mister’s Song (Celie’s Curse) ..... Mister  
 Miss Celie’s Pants ..... Celie, Shug Avery, Sofia, Female Ensemble  
 Any Little Thing ..... Harpo, Sofia  
 What About Love? (Reprise) ..... Celie, Shug Avery  
 I’m Here .....Celie  
 The Color Purple (Reprise) ..... Celie, Company



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CAST & TEAM BIOS



**VALMARIE BLACK**

(Shug Avery) [She/Her] is in her second season with Starlight Theatre. She made her debut in summer 2022 as Lavora Verons

in the hilarious *Disaster* and Marty Madison in the musical drama *Dreamgirls*. *The Color Purple* has always been one of Val's all time favorites and now having the opportunity to play the role as Shug Avery has her thrilled. Val is elated to be a part of this production once more and even more excited to work with this cast.



**RODARIAN BROWN**

(Ensemble) [He/Him] "I am a king, the road is where I lead." That's a quote Rodarian, a.k.a., RoRo, tries to live by, making sure the people

around him have fun doing what they're doing. This is Rodarian's first year at Starlight, and he hopes for many more to come.



**SANAAI BROWN**

(Squeak) [She/Her] is so excited to be part of *The Color Purple* this season. This is Sanaai's third season at Starlight, and she's

beyond grateful to be back. Sanaai was previously Wednesday Addams in *The Addams Family (AHS Musical)*, Dance Ensemble in *In the Heights*, and starred in *Rodger's and Hammerstein's Cinderella (Starlight)*. Sanaai will also be playing Belle, in *Starlight's Beauty and the Beast* this season. Sanaai would like to thank her family and friends for constantly being there for her. She hopes you enjoy the show, much love!



**ANTONIO COLLINS**

(Ensemble) [He/Him] is excited to be part of the show this year. He is 27 years old, and currently works in security at Auburn High School.

In previous years, he played a role in *Bring It On: The Musical*, and *Dream Girls*, which was also his first year at Starlight. He is very excited to be part of the cast in this show!



**DORIAN DOTSON**

(Pa, Buster) [He/Him] is super excited to be back at Starlight again this year! You may have seen him in previous shows like *Rocky Horror*

*Picture Show* as 'Rocky', *In The Heights* as 'Benny', *Dreamgirls* and more! He is very excited to be in *Newsies* and *The Color Purple* this season and hopes you all enjoy and have fun!



**TEZ LOCKHART**

(Ensemble, Harpo Standby) [He/Him] is in his third season at Starlight, and he couldn't be prouder that he is spending it

starring in *The Color Purple*. This show means so much to not only him, but to his culture as well. He would like to dedicate this performance to every black woman in his life who shaped him into the man he is today. He would like to thank his friends and family for supporting him on this journey. He would also like to personally thank Marcus for taking a chance and casting him in this beautiful show. "Always remember that you are seen, and you are HERE."



**JAYLEN MARKS**

(Mister) [He/Him] is happy to return to Starlight Theater for his seventh season on stage. He has performed in *HONK*,

*Memphis*, and *Sister Act* just to name a few. Jaylen has also performed on other stages such as Artists Ensemble Theater and The West Side Show Room. When he is not performing, he works for Rockford Public Schools and Rockford Park District. Whether he's performing on stage, helping backstage, or directing from behind-the-scenes, he enjoys the performing arts in every form. His family, friends, and girlfriend, Elyssa Cornejo, have always loved and supported him throughout his entire artistic career.



**DERYAH MAXEY**

(Sophia) [She/Her] is very thankful to be cast as Sophia in *The Color Purple*. This is DeRyah's first season at Starlight, and she

is very excited for the seasons to come. DeRyah was recently a featured dancer in *The Addams Family (AHS Musical)* at Auburn High School. DeRyah will also be playing the Bookseller/Ensemble in *Starlight's Beauty and the Beast*. DeRyah would like to thank everyone who has been there for her and hopes to have an amazing season at Starlight!

CAST & TEAM BIOS CONTINUED



**DENISE MCILWAN**

(Darlene, Church Lady)  
[She/Her] is excited to be making her debut performance in *The Color Purple* at Starlight for the

2024 Summer Season. She's grateful to have the opportunity to work alongside the amazing, gifted host of performers from the Rockford Community. This inspiring story about love, strength, resilience, and family has been one of her favorite musicals, and she's honored to be part of this amazing cast. She gives all honor to God for this gift of music, and gives special thanks to her husband, kids, and siblings for their support and prayers. Finally, she thanks ALL the directors and crew for everything they do for everyone; she is blessed and humbled.



**EVANDIA PENIX**

(Celie) [She/Her] is back for her fifth season here at Starlight! Her gifts were cultivated and nurtured at St. Paul Church of

God in Christ from a young age into adulthood. Evandia began her start of theater at Guilford High School, where she starred in her first musical, *Sister Act*. After graduating from high school, Evandia decided to further pursue her theater career and participated in productions at Starlight. Evandia has appeared in shows like *Once Upon a Mattress* (Princess Winnefred), *The Little Mermaid* (Ursula), *Shrek* (Dragon), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Crystal), and *Dreamgirls* (Effie White). She also gained experience as a performer in children's theatre in shows such as *Madagascar* and *Cinderella After the Ball*. Evandia has expanded her horizons and started her professional career by landing her first role outside of her hometown with The Birmingham Children's Theatre in *Don't Tell Me I Can't Fly* (Alma Bridge). Most recently, she made her first national television appearance as the first contestant on Fox Network's game show "We Are Family", and made personal history performing alongside her cousin, Michelle Williams. Her future aspirations include on-screen acting, performing on Broadway, and a career in creating and performing her own music. She hopes to continue to branch out and share her gifts with others. She's excited to be back and wants to give special thanks to all her family, friends, and supporters! Also, special thanks to her cast and crew and the amazing director's team for making this a great experience for her!



**LAUMAUJ PITT**

(Ensemble) [She/Her] will be seen on stage for the first time ever. She's really happy that her first experience gets to be in *The Color*

*Purple*. She would like to thank her mom and cousin for supporting her through this whole journey.



**NIA ROBY**

(Ensemble) [She/Her] also appeared in *Legally Blonde* this summer. She is an actor, dancer, and film student who is in love with the

arts. She is excited to transfer this fall to pursue a BFA in Acting.



**AMARA RUSSEY**

(Ensemble) [She/Her] is excited to return to Starlight for her second season; you may have seen her in *Oliver!*. She finished eighth grade with

Honors at Flinn Middle School, where she was part of Student Council and ran track. Amara will soon begin her freshman year at Auburn High School after being accepted into the Gifted and CAPA program. She would like to thank Starlight, her family, and friends for the experience and support!



**CHEYENNE SERRANO**

(Ensemble) [She/Her] is so excited to be back on stage this summer for her second season at Starlight. Previous shows include

*In the Heights* at Starlight and *Beauty and the Beast* at Belvidere High School. Cheyenne would like to thank her family and friends for their continuous support this summer!



**MAHALIA SEWARD**

(Ensemble) [She/Her] is happy to be in her second season at Starlight performing in *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Color Purple*, both Ensemble.

She's just genuinely so excited to be part of this experience.



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**TIANA SMITH**

(Ensemble) [She/Her] is so thrilled to be at Starlight for her very first season, where she will be seen as a Hot Box Dancer in *Guys and Dolls*, as well as in the Ensemble for *The Color Purple*.

This will be her first theatre experience altogether and she would like to give special thanks to the people who made it happen.



**ROBBIE STRADER**

(Harpo) [He/They] is extremely grateful to be apart of this beautiful show! You may have recently seen Robbie as Store Manager/Carlos

in *Legally Blonde* and Nathan Detroit in *Guys & Dolls*.

Robbie would like to thank the directing team, friends, and family for everything they've done for him. Shout out to his director, Marcus, on a beautiful directorial debut. @Robbie.Strader



**LOGAN TILLMON**

(Church Lady Jarene, Nettie Standby) [She/Her] is back for her third season at Starlight. This time, she gets to

share the stage with her super awesome Dad. "So proud of you Pops!" You can also catch Logan in *Legally Blonde* this summer at Starlight. She is so grateful to be part of a show as special as *The Color Purple*. Many thanks to the amazing cast, crew, and creative team. Much love to her besties and of course, T-Unit!



**REGGIE TILLMON**

(Ol' Mister) [He/Him] is excited to be in his first season at Starlight, and his first stage production!

After many years of watching from the audience, he's most excited about the special opportunity of sharing the stage with his daughter, Logan. *The Color Purple* means a lot to his family, so to be part of the cast is a blessing. Reggie would like to thank the directing team for this opportunity, and the incredibly talented cast and crew for their support. Most of all, he would like to thank his wife, Danita, for her amazing love, support, and encouragement throughout this process. Shout out to Logan, Bo, T-Unit, and his extended family and friends for always having his back. "ISYWL. Enjoy the show everyone! LEZGO!"



**WAYNE TURNER**

(Ensemble, Preacher) [He/Him] is an inspiring character who has done parts in men's choir, play wrights, and

fashion shows locally. Singing and embodying roles is a passion of his. He has been cast in *Newsies* as Ensemble, as well as *The Color Purple* (Preacher), a role he brings to life naturally. Let's say "Amen" as he preaches to the choir.



**DARBY WHITMORE**

(Nettie) [She/Her] is an Auburn High School Alumna and is excited to be back for her third season at Starlight! You may have

seen her in previous shows at Starlight including *Dreamgirls* (Michelle Morris), *Footloose* (Wendy Jo), and *Rocky Horror Picture Show* (Phantom). She is thrilled to be in another season performing in her favorite show of all time and playing one of her dream roles (NETTIE). She was so elated that she got to start this journey with some of the people closest to her, and she is ready to bring this headstrong, wise, and confident character to life. She wants to thank everyone who has supported her over the years! Also, a special shout out to her parents (Tiffany and Chris), siblings (Royal and Antonia), and her best friend (Evandia), for the constant support and encouragement to continue this journey of performing! "This is going to be one for the books!"



**OLIVIA WILLIAMSON**

(Ensemble) [She/Her] is so excited to be here for her first year starring in *The Color Purple*! She has been wanting to perform in

shows and dance outside of her school, Auburn High School. Olivia has been in the CAPA program doing dance, choir, and media. Olivia is also in *Newsies* as a Bowery Beauty, as well as a Newsie. She's thrilled to learn more about musical theatre, giving her a chance to experience more to better prepare for this in the future. She would like to give special thanks to her mom, family, grandfather, dance and media teacher, and the people around her in the show, for believing in her and giving her a chance to do what she wants to do.

CAST & TEAM BIOS CONTINUED



**MADIE BARNAS**

(Assistant Stage Manager)  
[She/Her] is super excited to be back for her second Starlight season. She was also the Assistant

Stage Manager last season for *Cinderella*. Madie is a first-year student at NIU getting her BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) in Design and Technology. Last fall, she was the Stage Manager with Pec Playhouse Theatre for their production, *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. This spring, she closed *Booked and Blessed... or BUST* as the Assistant Stage Manager with NIU. She wants to thank her friends and family for their constant support! "Enjoy the show!"



**VICTORIA BENSON**

(Costume Designer)  
[She/Her] just got done designing *Guys and Dolls*, her son's favorite show since he was 5. She thanks

the gifted costume shop team who is so skilled in what they do. Each member has a different skillset, but all come together as a team, to present to you costumes that we hope will help tell the story. The costume shop is also blessed with volunteers who use their unique skills to assist us to reach our goals. Without them we could not reach our goals. Thank you to each of you who have touched so brilliantly each garment. We hope you will love the costumes as much as all who have brought them to life.



**CHRISTOPHER D. BRADY**

(Producing Artistic Director, Director Mentor)  
[He/Him] is emphatic to mentor his friend and overall awesome

person, Marcus in this endeavor. Such a powerful piece is something that needs passion and skill, and Chris is committed to bring passionate people to these projects who are either have or are willing to develop their skill. Mentoring brings him great joy, and it's been very fun to do this for the first time with Marcus! Enjoy this beautiful piece!



**JENNA CHRIST**

(Production Stage Manager)  
[She/Her] is thrilled to be back under the stars for her sixth Starlight season. You may have

seen Jenna as an Assistant Stage Manager for

previous shows like *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Dreamgirls*, and *Cinderella*. You also probably seen her on stage this year in *Guys and Dolls*. Jenna found a home within Starlight back in 2019 and has been here since. She would like to thank her boyfriend, Garrett, best friend, Andrew, and family, for the constant love and support during the long rehearsal process. She would also like to give a special "thank you" to the Director, Marcus Tobias, for having her as the Stage Manager for this beautiful show.



**SPENCER DOUGLAS CLARK**

(Intimacy Designer)  
[He/Him] is a Chicago based Theatre Artist born and raised in

Rockford! He is thrilled to be back at Starlight to assist with the intimacy this season. Spencer has performed, directed, and choreographed for many theatres in the Chicagoland area. Currently, he directs for the Footlight Youth Theatre program through the community park district of La Grange Park. He is so thankful for Chris, and all of this seasons actors and directors, for their willingness to bring ethical-based trauma informed theatrical intimacy practices to the community.



**AARON HILL**

(Sound Engineer)  
[He/Him] is so happy to be back on the Starlight stage after a seven year hiatus. Being a part of this show

has been a true joy and he's grateful to have been able to work with this incredible cast and creative team. After recently moving back to the area, Aaron was extremely excited to work with so many old friends such as Colleen, Teddy, and Elle. But more than anything, sharing the stage with his wife, Shelby, is something Aaron will always cherish and be grateful for.



**BROOKE JOHNSON**

(Choreographer)  
[She/Her] is new to the Starlight stage but not new to the world of dance. She joins the Starlight team

with over 30 years of performing, teaching, and/or choreographing in the stateline area. A former dance teacher at Ellis Arts Academy, Auburn High School CAPA program, J & J Dance and Tumbling, and

CAST & TEAM BIOS CONTINUED

Rockford Dance Company. Brooke is currently the Associate Vice President of Academics for Academic Operations at Concordia University Wisconsin, and she is a proud mother of two and grandmother of one.



**CHRISTOPHER JOYNER** (Music Director)  
[He/Him] Tenor, received his Bachelor of Arts in Music Degree from Clark Atlanta University in

Atlanta, GA and his Master of Music in Performance: Voice/Choral Conducting from Northern Illinois University. While at NIU, he was the graduate assistant for the Choral Area and directed the University Chorus. Joyner remains an active musician throughout the Chicagoland area as a multi-genre singer and conductor. In concert, Chris has been featured as a soloist for The West Suburban Symphony, Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra, South Shore Opera Company, and Congo Square Theatre Company, to name a few. Chris is an Instructor of Music and Arts Chair at Rock Valley College and is on voice faculty at Columbia College Chicago. In addition, he is also the Director of Music at The Church of the Good Shepherd and an Associate Conductor of the Chicago Community Chorus. This is his first production with Starlight.



**CHLOE KONIECZKI** (Assistant Stage Manager)  
[She/Her] is going into her senior year at NIU pursuing a BFA in Acting. This was her first

experience being an ASM. She was also seen as a Hot Box Dancer in *Guys and Dolls* and Spot Conlon in *Newsies*. She's so thankful for this wonderful opportunity!



**BRANDON MECHLER** (Technical Director)  
[He/Him] is happy to be a part of another season! He has been a part of Starlight Theatre since

2007 as a volunteer for stage crew. He is very excited to have had the opportunity to work with so many talented people this season. He would like to give a shout-out to his beautiful wife for being so supportive of him in this position!



**CAMERON L. STRANDIN** (Lighting Designer)  
[He/Him] is returning to stage after a nine-year hiatus. He is thrilled to be

back for his 10th season here at Starlight Theatre. He started his theatre career here at Starlight at six years old, and (aside from a sort of worldwide hiccup) has been doing theatre non-stop ever since. Cameron graduated from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, where he earned a BFA in Theatre Design and Production Technology. He has worked professionally with the Nebraska Repertory Theatre, Timber Lake Playhouse, Circa '21 Speakeasy, and Mississippi Bend Players. Cameron has also been a guest designer and mentor at Nebraska Wesleyan University and Augustana College. He would like to thank Chris and Brandon for this opportunity, and his parents, sister, and Elizabeth for their love and support.



**KAITLYN TESDORFF** (Assistant Stage Manager)  
[She/Her] has been doing technical theatre for ten years and is soon to be graduating

from Rockford University with a degree in Stage Management. She currently works at Janesville Performing Arts Center as a Stage Manager, and hopes you enjoy the show!



**MARCUS TOBIAS** (Director) [They/Them] is extremely excited to be making their directorial debut this summer! They would like to thank

their mentor, Chris Brady, their team, and their family & friends for their love and support! "I hope everyone realizes their own strengths after seeing this musical." Enjoy, and don't forget to push da button!

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unwavering support and all of the hard working individuals who put their time and energy into making this season the success that it is.


**ABOUT LEOLA ARNOLD**

Leola Arnold, long-time music teacher and cultural sponsor in our community, died in 1968 leaving her estate to Rock Valley College under the supervision of the Trust Officers of the Illinois National Bank. In her will she stipulated that the college shall continue to offer to the community musical activities involving as large a segment of the community as possible.

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DAY CREW & STAFF BIOS

**BLAKE ATTERBURY**

(Costume Shop Construction)

[She/Her] is in her first year at Starlight Theater working in the costume shop. She has an Associate in Science from Rock Valley College and a B.A. in Psychology from Northern Illinois University. She is currently taking film classes at Rock Valley College in order to learn more about filmmaking. She aspires to direct and write for both film and theater.

**VICTORIA BENSON**

(Costume Shop Supervisor)

[She/Her] has been costuming for Starlight for 10 years. This year, she has been honored to take on the role of designer for *The Color Purple* and *Guys and Dolls*. This new role helps her create through different eyes since she must see through the designer lens, as well as, the construction stage. Over the years, we could not have accomplished what we have without our loyal and talented student workers, staff, and countless hours of community volunteers. She would like to salute all of them for their dedication and talent to make sure each show is costumed at the highest level.

**JEHONA BEXHETI** (Paint Crew)

[She/Her] is so happy to be back painting with her favorite team after graduating last season, and leaving for a few months. She missed everyone so much and couldn't stay away from the chaos, stinky paint, and shenanigans that make being a part of Starlight's daycrew the best job ever. She wants to give a special shoutout to her painter in crime, Maddi, who couldn't join her this season, but will always be her favorite bestie to work with. She hopes you all enjoy the shows as well as the sets!

**CHRISTOPHER D. BRADY**

(Producing Artistic Director)

[He/Him] emphatically embraces his roles as both family man and Producing Artistic Director. With fond memories of his early performances in *Cinderella* and *Western Star*, he's grateful to this special place for the special memories it brings to this community. His theatrical heart belongs here. Chris aims to bring life and excitement to the stage for every show, and he aims to do that with like-minded people from the community

that reflect the community. He extends heartfelt thanks to the staff, volunteers, and artists who make Starlight possible, and to the audience communing with us this season! Christopher's deepest gratitude goes to his beloved family—Erin, Ophelia, and Imogen—for sharing in the magic of Starlight with him.

**BELLA BROSINAN** (Day Crew)

[She/Her] is very excited to be part of day crew for her second season at Starlight! She is very happy to be painting and learning more about theatre! She hopes you have a great season!

**BARB COFFMAN**

(Costume Shop Construction)

[She/Her] is happy to be back for her seventh season, bringing needle and thread to costumes in all their glory. She loves working in her garden and other volunteer activities. She'd like to thank her daughter for her support.

**KIM DICKINSON**

(Box-Office Volunteer) [She/Her] enjoys volunteering in the Box Office, as well as doing any additional jobs that come up. Her husband, Dale, thanks Chris and Cathy for keeping her busy.

**TAYLOR-JADE LAIG-DURAN**

(Student Worker-Costume Shop)

[She/Her] is in her second year at RVC and her first year in the Costume Shop. She enjoys working with everyone here and likes helping to make all the costumes for the Theatre Department. The environment is nice and welcoming, and she has used many of the skills she has learned at Starlight in her personal life. She highly suggests for people to get involved here and thanks everyone!

**EMMA GARNER**

(Box Office Assistant/ Graphic Designer)

[She/Her] is extremely grateful she is able to hone her skills as a graphic designer while being able to work for the theatre she loves. She hopes you enjoy the season and like her social media posts as much as she liked making them!

**GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ**

(Day Crew) [He/They] is excited to be back in the shop after a break last summer.

DAY CREW & STAFF BIOS CONTINUED

**YOUNES EL HILALI**

(Day Crew) [He/Him] is an international student from Morocco. He is so happy to join the Starlight Theatre crew. He loves working with all the crew members. He is currently working to receive his Associate of Science at Rock Valley College, and planning to transfer to Northern Illinois University to get a Bachelor degree in Computer Science. He is ecstatic to contribute to the season and hopes you enjoy the show!

**CHARLIE HORNER**

(Box-Office Assistant) [They/Them] is excited to be working at the box office this season! Aside from this being their first season on stage, this is also their first season behind the scenes. Currently, Charlie is a student at Rock Valley College, pursuing forensic science. They hope you enjoy the show!!

**JONATHAN LANE**

(Costume Shop Assistant) [They/Them] is in their seventh season at Starlight. They love and appreciate being able to work in such a creative environment and are excited to showcase all of the costume pieces they've been working on. They send big thanks to Vicki Benson, for being such a positive role model and amazing friend!

**MILES LANG** (Day Crew) [He/Him]

is in his second year at Starlight Theatre. Since starting to now, he has learned a lot of new things building the sets; anything from how the lights system, sound system, to rigging on walls that fly in or out of the shows. Miles is super excited for this season and hopes you enjoy it to the fullest!

**KENNETH KAUNG HTUT LINN**

(Set Construction) [He/Him] is in his second season at starlight working as a Day Crew member. He finds it very exciting to see the sceneries comes alive and more so, to be able to participate in set preparation for new shows. He's glad to be part of the team for another season.

**ETHAN LOAX**

(Prop Master/Day Crew) [They/He] is a theatre loving technician that's been working with the arts ever since sixth grade. His love for theatre hasn't dwindled in all these years, and it shows as they're now assisting as running crew in every show

this season! His experience has been wonderful thus far and he hopes that you have a wonderful time living through this insane season!

**BAHLE MADE** (Day Crew) [He/Him] is a second-year, international RVC student, and also a member of the RVC men's soccer team. He is ecstatic to be putting on a show again and hopes you enjoy the show!

**DORI MARSH** (Seamstress) [She/Her]

has been working with Starlight for seven years, in both theatrical makeup and costumes. She is incredibly grateful for all the memories she has made, and can't wait to start her new chapter. Dori is moving this summer to attend UWRF to get her degree in Ceramics. She will miss the Starlight family and wishes everyone the best! <3

**CATHERENE I. MARTIN**

(Co-Box Office Manager, Volunteer Coordinator) has been working in the box office since 2017. First appearing on stage in 1993, Catherine has spent most summers "playing" at Starlight. They send mad hugs and kisses to #Myfavoritehusband, Tim, who has been wielding a hammer and nails in the set department for many years.

**TIM MARTIN**

(Set and Prop Construction) has been measuring, cutting, sawing, and nailing at Starlight for the past eight years. As a retired electrical engineer, he enjoys traveling with his beautiful wife, Catherine (Who, by the way, wrote his bio!), and reading all of the US presidential biographies in order.

**QUINN MCCOY** (Day Crew)

[He/Him] is excited to be in his first show at Starlight. Quinn joined the crew in September of 2023, and has helped construct the sets you see before your eyes. He is currently taking Video and Audio Production classes and is pursuing the Media Production Specialist Certificate through the Mass Communication Department at RVC. He hopes you enjoy the show!!

DAY CREW & STAFF BIOS CONTINUED**BRANDON MECHLER**

(Technical Director) [He/Him] is happy to be a part of another season! He has been a part of Starlight Theatre since 2007 as a volunteer for stage crew. He is very excited to have had the opportunity to work with so many talented people this season. He would like to give a shout-out to his beautiful wife for being so supportive of him in this position! Enjoy the show!

**BETHANY NELSON**

(Costume Shop Patterner) [She/Her] is excited to be here for her 7th summer in the costume shop! Bethany's work was most recently seen in *The Rocky Horror Show* and *Cinderella* at Starlight Theatre. She loves working in the costume shop among so many wonderful workers, volunteers and hard working people. She wouldn't have been able to work and design this summer without the support of Chris, Vicki, family, friends and her boyfriend, Parker. She hopes you love all the costumes on stage this summer and all of her hard work behind the scenes.

**HELAINA NIMMO**

(Costume Shop Construction) [She/Her] is in her third summer working at starlight. Currently, she's working towards a Costume Design Degree at Rockford University. She had so much fun working on all the shows this summer and hopes you enjoy them!

**BERNIE SEHR**

(Set Construction Volunteer) [He/Him] is upset that he hasn't been able to help as much this year, from circumstances beyond his control. However, he has enjoyed working with Brandon, Carmen, and the crew. Next year, he hopes he will have a little more time available; so to all the shows, "Break a Leg".

**JENNIFER SIMMS**

(Co-Box Office Manager) [She/Her] is delighted to be a part of Starlight from a different side of the theatre this year. Last year, she was in *Oliver!*, and this year, she is helping sell tickets! She is so grateful to Cathy, her co-partner in crime, and to her family (Andrew, Hazel, Eliza, Christopher, Avery, and GARNERS et al.) for all of their love and support through this next chapter. Please enjoy the show!

**CALVIN KAUNG MYAT SINT**

(Day Crew) [He/Him] is so excited to be seeing new shows during the summer again, and can't wait to see the performance of all the hardworking cast members.

**LEE SCHARR**

(Student Worker-Day Crew) [Any] (real name Levi) loves to sweep the stage and clean the workshop, which is why he always comes in the afternoons before they shut down. He loves to sweep even more than building and painting. Sweeping is actually so awesome. He appreciates working here for other reasons, as well, including the friendly atmosphere and creative and communal workspace.

**HANNAH SLEGER**

(Charge Scenic Artist) [She/Her] is in her eighth (full) season as Starlight's Charge Scenic Artist. Outside of Starlight, she has painted sets for a large variety of places, including Artists' Ensemble and the former Usual Suspects. Some of her other visual, artistic endeavors include doing the chalkboard art at Baker Street Burgers, recently showing her personal works for the Wages of Sin art exhibition at 317 Art Collaborative, for 2023 Fall Art Scene at Future Memory Media, and for the art show with Moon Dog's Theatre, RED last summer. Hannah wants to thank Brandon and Carmen for their wonderful hardwork and vision, as well as Jehona, Bella, Lee, and everyone else whose amazing hands have helped her paint sets this season. Most importantly, she sends love to her dad, Jonathon Sleger, for putting a paint brush in her hand as a child, starting her on her path as a scenic artist.

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**DAY CREW & STAFF BIOS** CONTINUED

**ANNIKA WYANT**

(Costume Shop Volunteer) [She/Her] is glad to be part of the costume shop family for her third year. She thanks Vickie and everyone involved; there is never a dull moment in this beehive of creativity. She attends Bradley University in the fall!

**BECKY WYANT**

(Costume Shop) [She/Her] is in her third season of sewing in Vickie Benson's magic kingdom. She likes using skills that her mother taught her in the 1950s. She is thoroughly dazzled by how patiently the young designers and student workers teach her new things. They are the BEST!!



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Is not permitted on the Rock Valley College campus, except in your own vehicle.

**BOX OFFICE INFO**

**HOURS** 10am-4pm – Tuesday-Friday and one hour before each performance.

**CONTACT**

For reservations, call (815) 921-2160  
Write: Box Office, Rock Valley College,  
3301 N. Mulford Road,  
Rockford, IL 61114  
Fax to: (815) 921-2169  
Online: RVCStarlight.com

**TICKETS**

All seats are reserved.  
Individual ticket prices are:  
Adults – \$28  
Seniors/Teachers/Military/  
RVC Employees – \$26  
Students – \$17  
Children – \$12

**EXCHANGES**

Tickets may be exchanged for a different time of the same performance. Tickets must be physically returned to the Box Office a minimum of 24 hours before the original performance time.

**GROUP RATES**

Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount.  
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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our success at Starlight Theatre depends heavily on the time our volunteers are willing to commit to the support of our program. We understand how the power of a performance goes beyond the storytelling on stage, and is made greater by the experience you have while you are here. Are you greeted like part of the family? Is the theatre clean and beautiful? Are concessions available with at reasonable prices? We rely on our volunteers, our family, to perform many of these tasks, and they do a tremendous job! Their only reward is a chance to see part of the play, an occasional cup of coffee, an infrequent pat on the back, and the intrinsic reward of being part of a family that has enriched the lives of others. If an opportunity to be a part of our family of volunteers interest you, here are some of the positions and what is involved therein.

**HOUSE MANAGERS** are responsible for directing the crew of ushers (during Starlight season, they recruit the crew of 12 ushers for the show). They count the ticket stubs and report the count for each performance. They oversee and participate in the post-show cleanup They report any problems to our staff. House Managers arrive an hour before the show, and are usually free to go about twenty minutes after the show ends..

**USHERS** are responsible for taking tickets from the patrons, distributing programs, helping patrons find their seats, and helping pick up after the performance. Ushers arrive about an hour before the show, and are free to go about twenty minutes after the show.

**CONCESSIONAIRES** are responsible for preparing the concession stands and food items before the show, selling the food before the show and during intermission, and cleaning the stands after intermission. Concessionaires arrive one or two hours before the show, and are free to leave about twenty minutes after intermission.

**BACKSTAGE CREW** are responsible for moving set pieces on and off the stage, operating spotlights, and/or flying set pieces in and out

**CARPENTERS** assist the set construction process during daytime hours and work closely with the Scenic Designer and Technical Director.

**BOX OFFICE PERSONNEL** are responsible for selling tickets during daytime hours or hours of show. Box office personnel will be trained throughout the year

If you are interested in volunteering,  
please visit our Facebook page and sign up via the link  
OR  
call the box office at (815) 921-2160 and  
have them add you to the list.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

RVC President Dr. Howard Spearman

Rick Jenks

RVC Board of Trustees

Every Starlight Theatre family member supporting us throughout the summer

The Amazingly Hard-Working staff here at Starlight Theatre

The Amazingly Hard-Working volunteers out here at Starlight Theatre

The diligently hard-working staff here at RVC

RVC Foundation

Jennifer, Chelsea, George and everyone in the RVC Marketing Department for making this program & our season happen

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All of our volunteers here at the show around us all!

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*Thank you for your continued  
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We are honored to be associated with Starlight Theatre, which has been a cultural cornerstone of our community for over six decades. From classic musicals to contemporary plays, the theatre has provided countless hours of entertainment and enlightenment to generations of audiences.

As you enjoy tonight's performance, we hope that you will be transported to another world, inspired by the talent and creativity of the actors, musicians, and production crew. We also invite you to learn more about Savant and our commitment to helping individuals, families, non-profits, and companies preserve their hard-earned wealth and pursue steady, wise growth. That's wise counsel, by your side.

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